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SUBJECT: SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: ANKARA 1821

1. SINCE SUBMISSION REFTEL AND PARTICULARLY IN VIEW RECENT REPORTS POSSIBLE ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS THIS AREA ARISING OUT OF ME SITUATION, HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THOROUGH REVIEW OUR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND CONCLUDE FOLLOWING RESOURCES REQUIRED IN ADDITION THOSE LISTED REFTEL:

(1) ASSUMING ESTABLISHMENT RSO AND ADMIN/RSO SECRETARIAL POSITIONS, (A) AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF TWO MARINES TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL DUTY POST DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE SECOND PUBLIC ENTRANCE

TO CONGEN COMPOUND (USIS) AND (B) AUTHORIZE SENIOR FSL POSITION FOR CONTINUING LIAISON WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS AND FOR SUPERVISION, GUIDANCE, AND DIRECTION OF LOCAL SECURITY PERSONNEL. COST ESTIMATES AND DETAILED RATIONAL FOR FOREGOING AND PRIORITY LISTING TOTAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE OM.

2. REASONS FOR REQUESTING THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A) THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW THROUGHOUT TURKEY, AND CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH MAY MAKE DIFFICULT FORMATION STRONG, STABLE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA, THUS CREATING POTENTIAL FOR AGGRAVATION SOCIAL UNREST AND REVIVAL OF ACTIVITY BY DOMESTIC
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EXTREMISTS. THEREFORE, WHILE TURKISH POLICE HAVE BEEN MOST

COOPERATIVE TO DATE IN MEETING SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE,
THEIR RESOURCES LIMITED AND CERTAIN FUNCTIONS BEST PERFORMED
BY PERSONNEL DIRECTLY UNDER OUR CONTTROL.

B) THE OBVIOUS VULNERABILITY OF OUR PHYSICAL PREMISES
IN ISTANBUL, LOCATED IN A CROWDED, HEAVILY TRAFFICKED AREA OF THE
CITY AND HOUSED IN TWO BUILDINGS WHICH ARE MOST DIFFICULT TO ADAPT
TO EFFECTIVE SECURITY CONTROL SYSTEMS AND WHICH ARE THEREFORE
EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO ATTACK EVEN UNDER BEST OF CONDITIONS, AND

C) PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS OF MANPOWER, MONEY, AND
MATERIALS TO BOLSTER OUR EXISTING SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

3. FOREGOING DISCUSSED WITH RSO PUTNEY AND RSS KEMP
DURING RECENT VISIT.

4. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE AND RECOMMENDATION
TO SECSTATE THAT ABOVE RESOURCES BE ADDED TO THOSE REQUESTED IN
REFTEL FOR ISTANBUL.
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